

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2007, which set a one-month period for response, making this response due by August 17, 2007.

Claims 27-30 are pending in this application.

In the Office Action, the Applicants were required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims are to be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Claims 27, 30, 33, and 36 were indicated as generic. The species designated in the Office Action were (a) species of a method of precision pressing a glass body to form an optical component of high quality recited in claim 27; (b) species of a method of precision pressing a glass body to form an optical component of high quality recited in claim 30; (c) species of a method of precision pressing a glass body to form an optical component of high quality recited in claim 33; and (d) species of a method of precision pressing a glass body to form an optical component of high quality recited in claim 36.

The Applicants hereby elect Species (a), directed to the method of precision pressing a glass body to form an optical component of high quality as recited in claim 27.

Claim 30 has been amended to depend on claim 27, and only adds a cooling step to the claimed procedure of claim 27.

The application in its amended state is believed to be in condition for allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited. If the Examiner should wish to discuss any

issues regarding this application, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call to resolve those matters in order to expedite placement of the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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